

STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE of PLANNING AND RESEARCH



Winter Internship in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research

About the Internship: The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is looking for interns to begin in January 2015. The interns will work closely with OPR staff on a variety of projects related to land use and the environment. Interns will have a hands-on opportunity to learn more about State government and policy development. The interns will gain skills and experience in policy research, local government outreach, interagency coordination, land use planning, and more.

About OPR: State planning law establishes OPR as the comprehensive state planning agency. OPR is responsible for formulating long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development and resource protection. All of these responsibilities shape statewide development patterns and influence the quality of the State's environment.

Potential Intern Projects:

- <u>General Plan Guidelines (GPGs) update:</u> The student intern will help to identify the latest policies, implementation measures, and case studies related to climate change, environmental justice, complete streets, and renewable energy. The student will also help with public outreach and build a database to help OPR support local governments in updating their General Plans, Climate Action Plans, and other planning documents.
- <u>Drought, water research and policy, and water conservation</u>: The student intern will help coordinate interagency efforts around drought, support local government drought response, support interagency efforts to identify and implement solutions to domestic water shortages.
- <u>Strategic Growth Council (SGC)</u>: The student intern with the SGC will support public outreach and administration of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant, help implement Regional Advance Mitigation Plans (RAMP), and assist with local planning for High Speed Rail (HSR).
- Others: Intern projects can be tailored to the intern's specific areas of interest.

General Qualifications: Ideal candidates are self-driven and independently-motivated, have strong verbal, written communication, analytical and administrative skills, have a strong interest in environmental, water, energy, and land use policy, experience with legislative analysis, and environmental planning and climate change. Bonus skills: experience with modeling/GIS/mapping tools, graphic design, web design, programming, or multimedia skills.

Compensation: OPR can work with the intern and their college to help them receive school credit for the internship. OPR will not be able to provide financial compensation. Interns are encouraged to explore outside funding opportunities.

Logistics: Interns are expected to work 20 hours a week from approximately January to April 2015. The start and end dates of the internship are flexible. The internships are in OPR's Sacramento office. Housing is not provided. Discounted public transportation passes may be purchased through OPR.

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to Scott.Morgan@opr.ca.gov and Carolyn.Angius@opr.ca.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014. Qualified applicants will be invited for an interview in early January.